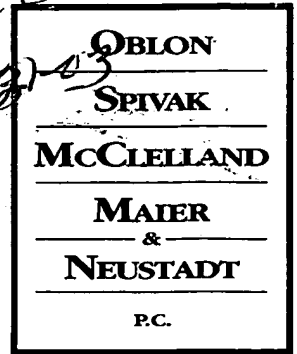




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/085,734
Applicants: Hiroki SHIOMI, et al.
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Group Art Unit: 3616
Examiner: CULBRETH, E.

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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In response to the election of species requirement of September 29, 2003, Applicants hereby elect species a of Fig. 11. Claims 9-12, 15-17 and 20-24 correspond to this species.

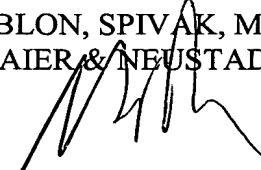
The election is being made with traverse. Any proper search for the elected species will also necessarily require a search through the appropriate classes and subclasses for the other species. It would therefore not constitute a significant additional burden on the Office for the examiner to examine all of the species in the resent application, and o the election of species requirement is believed to be unjustified.

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Favorable and timely consideration of the elected species is required.

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